

WAC 212-80-113 Certificate of competency holder employment. (1)

All certificate of competency holders must be employed by a licensed fire protection sprinkler system contractor.

(a) In no case will a certificate of competency holder be employed full time by more than one licensed contractor at the same time.

(b) If the certificate of competency holder should leave the employment of the licensed contractor, he or she will notify the director within 30 days of his or her last day of employment. Failure to do so constitutes a Level 2 violation.

(2) The following exceptions may apply:

(a) Any current certificate of competency holder for the license and certification year who is no longer employed by a licensed contractor will become "INACTIVE." An "INACTIVE" certificate will:

(i) Not be issued a physical certificate;

(ii) Not allow the certificate of competency holder to perform any work in the fire protection sprinkler system trade as a certificate of competency holder until the certificate of competency holder is employed by a licensed contractor licensed by the director. When an "INACTIVE" certificate of competency holder is employed by a licensed contractor the director will reissue a certificate to the certificate of competency holder;

(iii) Expire at the end of the current licensing and certification cycle and cannot be renewed as "INACTIVE."

(b) The "QUALIFIED EXEMPT" certification allows persons who are considered exempt from the licensing and certification requirements of chapter 18.160 RCW and this chapter and not currently working for a licensed contractor, to obtain evidence of qualification while working for an employer who requires a knowledge and skill base of fire protection sprinkler systems.

(i) A "QUALIFIED EXEMPT" certificate:

(A) Will not be used for work under contract.

(B) May be issued to:

(I) An employee of the United States, state or local government, building officials, fire marshals, fire inspectors, or insurance inspectors when acting in their official capacities.

(II) A person who performs maintenance or other duties for an employer, and performs work on only his or her employer's fire protection sprinkler system.

(III) A person who works for an industry ancillary to the fire protection sprinkler system contracting trade that is regulated by chapter 18.160 RCW.

(ii) A "QUALIFIED EXEMPT" certificate of competency holder will:

(A) Bear "QUALIFIED EXEMPT" on the certificate and listing post on the internet and the person's level of certification.

(B) Be issued a physical certificate.

(C) Not be issued a stamp.

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